claims in respect of Amreli district have since been paid.

(c) Action has since been initiated to have adequate budget provision for the scheme so as to ensure prompt payment of claims in future.

Production and Import of Pulses

1653. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the result of taking various steps to increase the production of pulses in the country during the year 1985-86 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed the import of pulses under OGL to check the rise in prices of pulses and to overcome the imbalance in supply and demand of pulses ;

(c) if so, the total quantity of pulses imported under OGL during the last three years, alongwith particulars of importers : and

(d) what efforts are proposed to be made to increase the production of pulses and checking the rise in prices of pulses in the open market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) All-India production of pulses is anticipated at around 12.5 million tonnes during 1985-86 as compared to 12-12 million tonnes during 1984-1985, despite adverse weather conditions faced in a number of States during Kharif 1985.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The quantities of pulses imported during 1982-83 and 1983-84 amounted to 1.02 lakh tonnes and 2.28 lakh tonnes respectively. The quantity for which contracts were registered for import during 1984-85 was of the order of 3.14 lakh tonnes. Pulses can be imported by all persons under the Open General Licence subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions laid down under the import policy.

(d) To increase the production of pulses, following strategy is adopted in the Seventh Plan :—

(i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system, such as double & multiple cropping ;

(ii) Bringing additional area under :—

1. Short duration varieties of urd, moong, etc. in rice fallows utilising the residual moisture in rabi season :

2. In summer season with irrigation after oilseeds, sugarcane, potato and wheat ; and

3. In rabi under lentil ;

(iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions ;

(iv) Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds ; adoption of plant protection measures ; use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture ; and

(v) Improved post harvest technology public policies including pricing and marketing of pulses.

From 1986-87, the Government of India have sanctioned an area and production oriented programme, viz. a Centrally Sponsored National pulses Development Project.

Construction of an Annexe Building At Victoria Memorial, Calcutta

1654. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be please to state :